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Re: Willow/Springs Gulch EIR

***I am opposed to the idea of alcohol being sold or consumed in city parks, even if it is a sports park.
It's very inappropriate, probably worse than cigarettes being sold and smoked in parks.***

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

I decided to make a additional statement regarding not selling alcohol in the park.
It has always been outrageous to me that drinking is linked with athletics as a way of promoting alcohol.

So many people in my family and in my husband's family were serious alcoholics whose lives were affected drastically from drinking that alcohol really scares me.

How much beer does it take to get a DUI? I think a large majority of the people who would go to the sports park would end up driving after drinking if they had a beer - or 2 or 3. I seriously doubt there would be a significant number of designated drivers.

It sets such a bad example for young people to see the mixing of "the drinking image" with sports. It really kind of blows my mind. And I think it is just as bad as linking smoking with being "a real he man". - A dead Marlboro man.

- Actually shortening the lives of parents. - And their kids even.

And alcohol is just as bad biologically. And it makes people MEAN.
It ruins marriages, hurts families, and adversely affects our nation in so many ways.

I'm against it.

On the tennis court.... Alcohol Ads.

On the basketball court...Alcohol Ads

Football heroes With Beer ads

Baseball

It's a miracle they don't advertise it at the Ballet!

(Can't you just imagine drunken ballerinas and drunken male ballet dancers doing aerials lifts and drops...?)

Sorry to sound so prudish... but alcohol really has terrible consequences which I have witnessed..

I don't think it belongs in our parks.

- Or linked to sports as a positive image.

Would you remind me when it is time to speak about the sports park. I really would appreciate a reminder...

Sincerely,

Summer Hansen,

Founder: Be Community Friendly! - Children's Day

PS.

And just to let you know a bit more about my alcohol aversion. I don't mind alcohol in moderation. - At all....
It's just that my family was riddled with drinking problems of very big magnitude.

Most of the family members I'm sharing about are no longer with us, having passed on. Alcohol has been a prime cause contributing to their passing.

My Dad, who was a wonderful, intensely sweet man, who was very loved by all of us, unfortunately drank over a quart of HARD liquor, every day for 50 years. He told us so himself. He drank a 1/2 pint before breakfast. He was drunk every day.

My mother's brothers were all alcoholics.

My husband's very gifted father drank as bad as my Dad- even worse.

My husband's brother, who I knew since childhood, committed suicide by drinking himself to death in a motel on purpose in his thirties.

The 46-year-old lady, whom I am caregiver for has end stage scerosis of the liver. And a great deal of her disabilities came from her alcohol consumption at great expense to our state & nation.

Another wonderful, kind, wise adult head of family member currently finds it necessary to go to AA every day, and because of drinking his family lost almost everything.

My mother told me, "Whatever you do honey, don't drink ... or smoke cigarettes." I looked around at all my family and decided: RIGHT Mother.

So that's most of my story on alcohol. I spent part of my growing up in the backroom of my parent's bar.... Swimming in the bay. It was on the peninsula here in Long Beach.

My husband also drank a lot - just beer, but it affected him a lot.

So ... I've seen what it does to people, and it breaks my heart. I could tell you a lot more.

So ... I just hate to see alcohol connected to sports and athletics as though drinking should go along with those wonderful things.

Actually, it undermines them.

With Love & Bright Hope for Our City and Its Citizens,

Summer Hansen



I've seen so much damage by alcohol to families and to the health of individuals and much of it is initiated and brought about by outside of the house social occasions. I don't think alcohol sales should be a part of the business plan of a public private partnership.

We don't need to increase the alcohol use in sports occasions in Long Beach and to link sports to alcohol use in the minds and lives of adults, children and families.

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O-2-1

This comment letter opposes the sale of alcohol at the proposed Sports Park. See Response to Comment O-1-6. This comment pertains to the discretionary actions associated with the Proposed Project, including a request for a CUP for the sale of alcohol to be consumed on-site. This opinion will be made available for consideration by the decision-makers as part of their determination regarding the Proposed Project.